IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For:

"DEGRADATION CONTROL OF

ENVIRONMENTALLY DEGRADABLE

DISPOSABLE MATERIALS"

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action mailed on March 25, 2003, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from June 25, 2003, to September 25, 2003.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$930.00 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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